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Strengthening Resilience of Positioning, Navigation, and **Timing Services**

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America (and the World) Has a GPS Problem

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Executive Order 13905 on PNT

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- Promote responsible use of PNT services
- Minimize impact to nation if disruption or manipulation occurs
- Focus on critical infrastructure
- In practice, applicable to all systems using PNT services



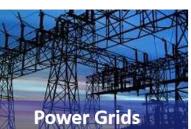


Surveying & Mapping

Why PNT? Why Now?



First Ave 🔳 💷 Tri P 300 ft **Personal Navigation**







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Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) Lack Integrity Checks

Common issues

- All GNSS systems broadcast a weak signal and an unencrypted data stream
- All systems can be jammed (denial of service) with a \$30 jammer
- All system signals can be manipulated (person in the middle attack)
 - \$200 software defined radio
 - Software from GitHub
- Other geolocation and timing services are available



Cautionary Tale: Black Sea Spoofing Event



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Cautionary Tale: GPS Week Number Rollover

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Cautionary Tale: C&O Canal



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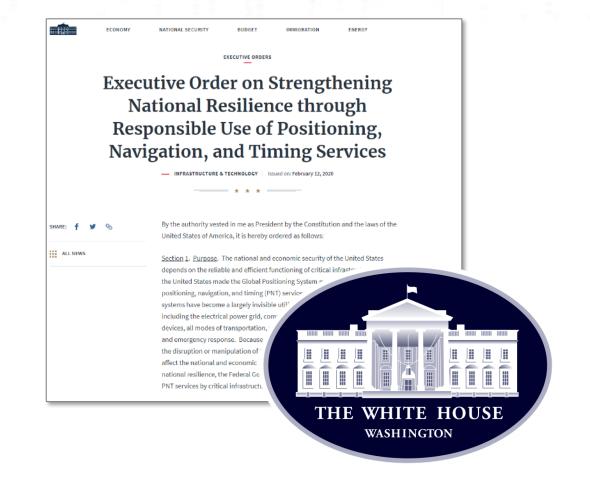
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Responsible Use of PNT Services is Essential

Responsible use of PNT is defined as deliberate, riskinformed use of PNT services, including their acquisition, integration, and deployment, such that disruption or manipulation of PNT services **minimally affects critical infrastructure operations**.



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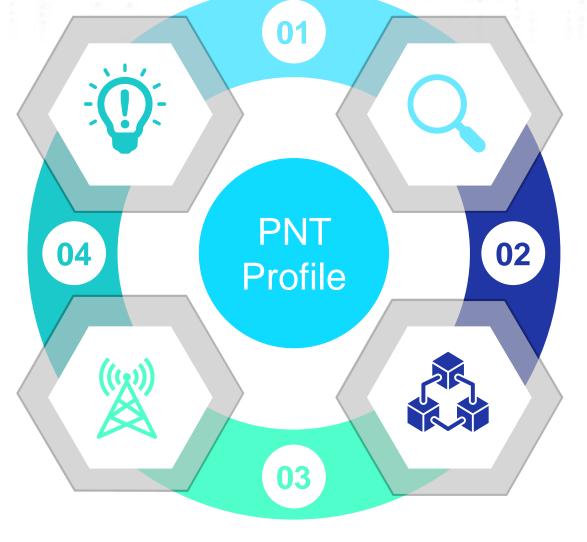
NISTIR 8323 Foundational PNT Profile: Applying the Cybersecurity Framework for the Responsible Use of Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Services

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PNT Profile: Purpose

Manage the risk to these systems

Detect disturbances and manipulation of PNT services



Identify systems dependent on PNT

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Identify appropriate PNT sources

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PNT Profile Development Process

- Open, transparent, and collaborative
- Engage with primary stakeholders
- Focus on critical infrastructure
- Leverage the NIST Cybersecurity Framework

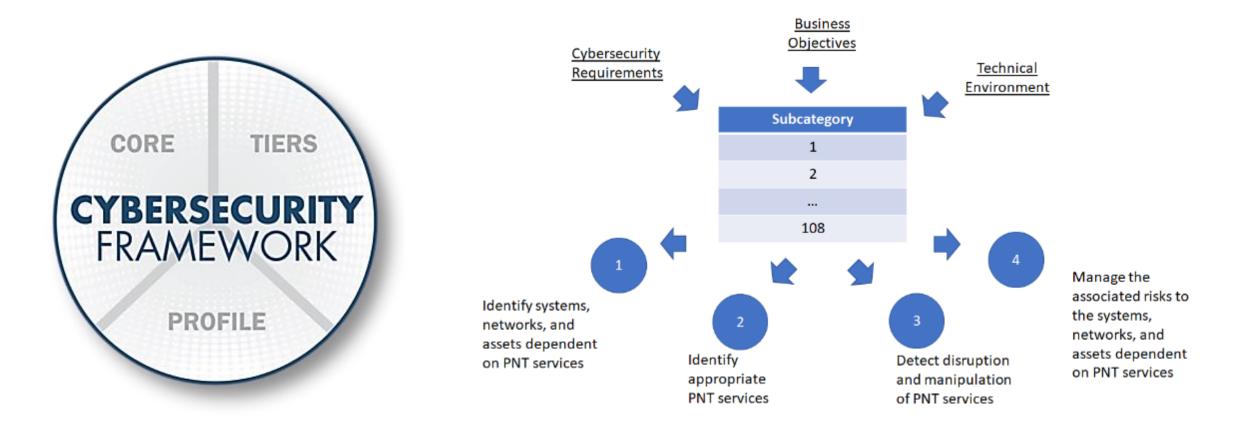


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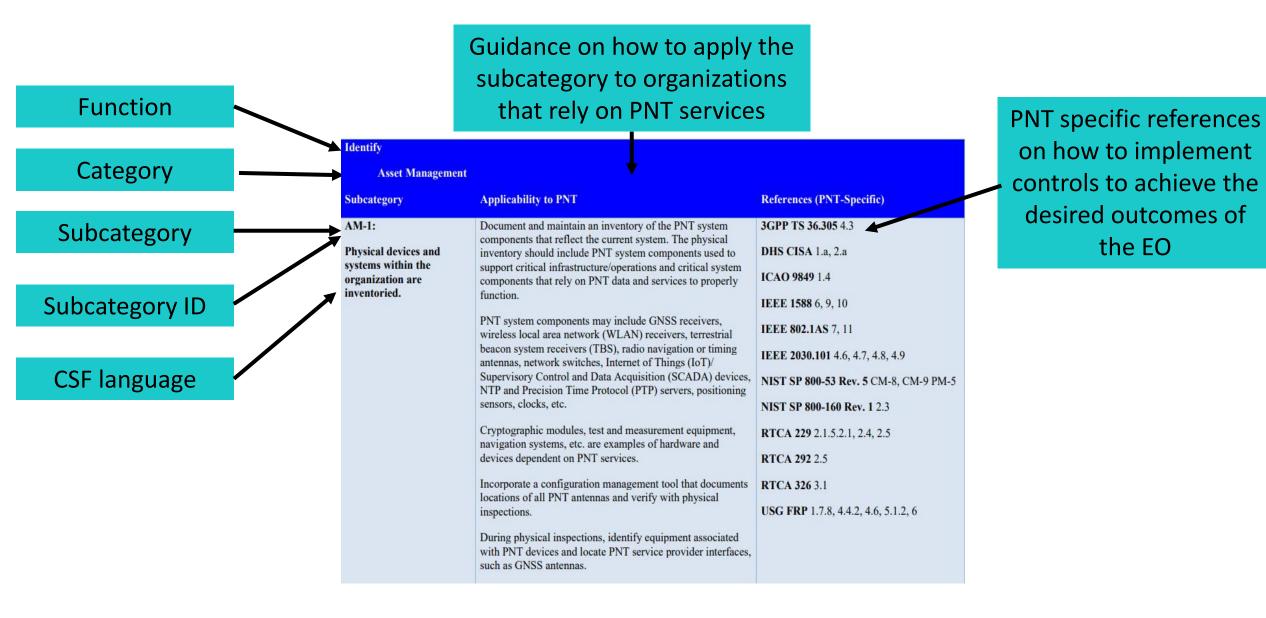


Cybersecurity Framework Profiles



Use the PNT Profile along with your unique cybersecurity requirements, business objectives, and technical environment to meet the objectives of the Executive Order

Content of the PNT Profile



Apply What You Have Learned Today

- Next week you should:
 - Read the NIST Foundational Profile for PNT Services
- In the first three months following this presentation consider:
 - Inventorying all systems and devices dependent on PNT data
 - Identifying sources and infrastructure that provide PNT information
 - Incorporating alternative PNT or time sources into your business architecture and the ability to failover to these systems during a disruption (see <u>NIST's Time over Fiber</u> <u>resource</u>)
- Within six months consider:
 - Identifying the vulnerabilities, threats, and impact should the threat be realized to assess your risk
 - Implementing procedures to detect PNT manipulation or disruption
 - Developing policies and procedures to respond to a disruption of PNT services



Summary

- The use of PNT data or services in your organization may not be obvious
- Organizations must understand the risks posed by dependencies on PNT services and define a risk management plan
- The NIST PNT Profile can help organizations prioritize PNT-related cybersecurity measures



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